



# State of Alaska Local Boundary Commission

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Dear Reader:

The 2002 Legislature directed the Local Boundary Commission to identify areas of the unorganized borough that meet the standards for borough incorporation. The Legislature further directed the Commission to report its findings by February 19, 2003.

An overview of the project is provided on the back of this letter. Included in the overview is a reference to the Local Boundary Commission's website where additional information is available about the matter.

Comments concerning the review are welcome. Individuals and organizations may contact the Commission at the address, fax, or telephone number listed in the letterhead or by e-mail at: [LBC@dced.state.ak.us](mailto:LBC@dced.state.ak.us)

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Waring", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin Waring  
Chair

## State of Alaska – Local Boundary Commission

# UNORGANIZED BOROUGH REVIEW

## Legislature Directs Review of

### Unorganized Borough

During the 2002 legislative session, the Alaska House of Representatives approved “House CS for CS for Senate Bill No. 359(FIN)” by a vote of 35 – 0 (with 5 members absent). The Alaska Senate approved the legislation by a vote of 19 – 0 (with 1 member absent). The legislation was subsequently signed into law (Chapter 53, SLA 2002) by Governor Knowles. Section 3 of Chapter 53, SLA 2002 provides as follows:

**Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

**NEW BOROUGH INCORPORATION.** The Local Boundary Commission shall review conditions in the unorganized borough. By the 30th day of the First Regular Session of the Twenty-Third Alaska State Legislature, the commission shall report to the legislature the areas it has identified that meet the standards for incorporation. No portion of the report under this section constitutes a Local Boundary Commission proposal for purposes of art. X, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska.

The law calls for the Commission to report its findings to the Legislature by February 19, 2003.

## Unorganized Borough

The unorganized borough constitutes that part of Alaska outside organized boroughs (AS 29.03.010).

## Local Boundary Commission

The Local Boundary Commission was established under Article X, Section 12 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska. It is comprised of five members appointed by the Governor. One member is appointed from each of Alaska’s four judicial districts. The fifth member is appointed at large. Members volunteer their services. Current members are:

- Kevin Waring, Chair (from Anchorage);
- Ardith Lynch, Vice-Chair (from Fairbanks);
- Myrna Gardner (from Juneau);
- Bob Harcharek (from Barrow);
- Allan Tesche (from Anchorage).

## Additional Information Available

A copy of the work plan, borough incorporation standards, LBC policy statement, and other information about the ongoing review is available on the Local Boundary Commission’s web site at:

<http://www.dced.state.ak.us/cbd/lbc/lbc.htm>

Comments may be submitted to the Commission at:

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